Department: Judicial Branch Sponsor(s): Nye

**Division: Court Operations** 

Program(s): Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, District Cts., Mag. Division

Description: Judicial Salaries (S1137; Senate March 4, 2021; House 3rd Reading)

# 1. Background:

Pursuant to Section 59-502, Idaho Code, all judicial salaries are relative to salaries of Supreme Court justices. Salaries for Supreme Court justices currently are \$157,800; Court of Appeals judges receive \$10,000 less than Supreme Court justices (\$147,800); district judges receive \$6,000 less than Court of Appeals judges (\$141,800); and magistrate judges receive \$12,000 less than district judges (\$129,800). Also, leadership positions (Chief Justice, Chief Judge, and administrative district judges) receive an additional fixed \$3,000 pursuant to Sections 1-201, 1-2408, and 1-703, Idaho Code. S1137 of 2021 increases pay for magistrate judges by 2.00% to \$132,400; for district judges by 1.83% to \$144,400; for Court of Appeals judges by 1.76% to \$150,400; and for Supreme Court justices by 1.65% to \$160,400. The amounts below reflect the fiscal impact of the addition of two new magistrate judges in H272 of 2021 and one new district judge in H027 of 2021.

### 2. Action:

### **Supreme Court:**

Fund	Туре	OT	FTP	PC	OE	CO	TB	LS	Total
0001-00	Gen		0.00	21,400	0	0	0	0	21,400
TOTAL			0.00	21,400	0	0	0	0	21,400
Court of Appeals:									
Fund	Туре	ОТ	FTP	PC	OE	CO	TB	LS	Total
0001-00	Gen		0.00	17,200	0	0	0	0	17,200
TOTAL			0.00	17,200	0	0	0	0	17,200
District Courts:									
Fund	Туре	ОТ	FTP	PC	OE	CO	TB	LS	Total
0001-00	Gen		0.00	205,800	0	0	0	0	205,800
TOTAL			0.00	205,800	0	0	0	0	205,800
Magistrate Division:									
Fund	Туре	ОТ	FTP	PC	OE	CO	TB	LS	Total
0001-00	Gen		0.00	311,100	0	0	0	0	311,100
TOTAL	·		0.00	311,100	0	0	0	0	311,100

## 3. Motion:

### a. Motion:

"For fiscal year 2022, I move for the Supreme Court, in the Court Operations Division, the addition of \$21,400 for the Supreme Court Program; \$17,200 for the Court of Appeals Program; \$205,800 for the District Courts Program; and \$311,100 for the Magistrate Division Program, for the purpose of judicial salaries. The total motion for the Supreme Court is \$555,500 in ongoing personnel costs from the General Fund. Consistent with the entire FY 2022 appropriation for the Supreme Court, this motion includes lump sum authority."

### b. Discussion:

"This motion aligns the court's budget to reflect the cost of increasing judicial salaries, as required by S1137."